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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SITREP NO. 8 AS OF 1100 EDT 10/22/73

1. CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION: ISRAEL HAS ACCEPTED UNSC CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION, MAKING ITS COMPLIANCE "CONDITIONAL ON (THE CEASE-FIRE'S) ACCEPTANCE AND OBSERVANCE BY ALL THE STATES TAKING PART IN THIS FIGHTING" AND CALLING FOR AN EXCHANGE OF POWS. EGYPT'S ACCEPTANCE WAS FIRST REPORTED BY RADIO MOSCOW. IT HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED BY A REPORT FROM CAIRO RADIO STATING THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS ORDERED HIS FORCES TO CEASE FIRE AT TIME FIXED BY UNSC PROVIDED "ENEMY SHOULD ALSO ABIDE" BY RESOLUTION. SYRIA HAS NOT YET STATED ITS POSITION ON CEASEFIRE. WIRE SERVICES REPORT IRAQ AND LIBYA REJECT CEASE-FIRE.

2. TURKISH PEACE PLAN: TURKS HAVE GIVEN EMBASSY ANKARA PEACE PLAN, CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF WHICH ARE: (A) ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED DURING JUNE 1967 WAR AND NEGOTIATIONS TO ESTABLISH SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES "BASED ESSENTIALLY" ON JUNE 4, 1967 LINES AND
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UNSC RES 242; AND (B) ARAB SIDE TO UNDERTAKE TO "RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY STATE IN THE AREA"

AND RIGHT OF EACH TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND
RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES.

3. MILITARY SITUATION: IDF ANNOUNCES ISRAELI FORCES
HAVE RECAPTURED PRINCIPAL SYRIAN POSITIONS REMAINING ON
MOUNT HERMON. IDF SPOKESMAN SAYS THIS EFFECTIVELY
ELIMINATES ALL SYRIAN RESISTANCE IN GOLAN. THERE WERE
NO RPT NO OTHER NOTABLE INCIDENTS ON SYRIAN FRONT DURING
THE NIGHT, BUT SUEZ FRONT REMAINS SCENE OF CONSIDERABLE
FIGHTING AS TWO SIDES JOCKEY FOR BEST POSSIBLE POSITIONS
PRIOR TO SCHEDULED COMMENCEMENT OF CEASE-FIRE LATER
TODAY. CAIRO SAYS EGYPTIAN INFANTRY AND TANKS WERE
HEAVILY ATTACKING ISRAELI FORCES ON WEST BANK OF CANAL.
EGYPTIAN MILITARY COMMAND SAYS IT BELIEVES THREAT FROM
ISRAELI TASK FORCE ON WEST BANK OF CANAL HAS BEEN
VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED. BY CONTRAST, ISRAEL SAYS ITS
FORCES ON SOUTHERN FRONT HAVE NOW SEIZED 474 SQUARE MILE
SLICE OF EGYPT AND DESTROYED 60 PERCENT OF ARAB TANKS
IN SINAI. ISRAELIS ACKNOWLEDGE HOWEVER THAT EGYPTIANS
STILL OCCUPY MOST OF EAST BANK OF SUEZ CANAL.

4. OIL: JUST BEFORE PASSAGE OF CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION,
SAUDI ARABIA ORDERED ARAMCO TO MAKE BOTH RPT BOTH TEN
PERCENT CUTBACK AND EMBARGO
SOME 800 THOUSAND BBLs/DAY OF EXPORTS TO US, THUS
REDUCING TOTAL SAUDI OUTPUT THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 TO
ONLY 6.6 MILLION BBLs/DAY. IN EFFECT, THIS MEANS
PRODUCTION CUT OF 25 PERCENT. ARAMCO FEELS NATIONAL-
IZATION AND BREAK IN RELATIONS IS POSSIBILITY IF NO
"RESULTS" IN TERMS OF CHANGE IN U.S. POSITION FOLLOW
THIS ACTION. KUWAIT, DUBAI, QATAR, AND BAHRAIN HAVE
NOW JOINED OTHER ARAB STATES WHICH HAVE ALREADY CUT
OFF OIL SHIPMENTS TO U.S. RUSH

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